

**PORT OF GOLD BEACH
MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2009
Regular Meeting**

Present:

Absent:

**Milt Walker, President
Moe Johnson, Vice-President
Larry Prestininzi, Commissioner
Charles Riddle, Secretary,
Bill McNair, Commissioner**

**Errol Roberts, Manager
Jeff Kemp, Port Accountant**

The meeting was called to order by President Milt Walker, the roll was called and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with all present excepting Commissioner Larry Prestininzi who did arrive about ten minutes late.

Harry Abel and his daughter, Wendy, were present to make their annual presentation of the insurance the Port carries. Some questions were asked about coverage at Huntley Park and Mr. Abel explained that all lands owned by the port are covered under the liability policy. He discussed discretionary immunity and recreational immunity and explained several things about keeping a good rating regarding risk. He said there is a slight increase in rates but the premium is down due to the improvements to the docks. The Port's deductible is now at \$25,000 after being \$50,000 for a few years. He said the Port is in a good trend now and if it continues, the deductible can be reduced. Wendy explained, in answer to a question from Charles Riddle that we are now protected on the airport and according to their rating system the Port is rated on "best practices" at nine percent discount, which is the maximum rating.

Review of accounts payable of November 20, 2009 and December 5, 2009: **Motion was made by Moe Johnson to approve payables for both November 20, 2009 and December 5, 2009, seconded by Charles Riddle and passed by consensus.** There was a question regarding the \$1084 paid to the Oregon Department of Forestry, which is the charge for fire protection on the "upriver lands". It was again mentioned that money for upkeep of those properties was not in the Port's budget. When the property was purchased, no provisions were made for the expense of maintaining the property and it has fallen on the Port's shoulders to bear those expenses.

The accounts receivable were reviewed and the board members were pleased at the constant improvements in that area.

Jeff Kemp gave the financial/budget report and handed out a schedule of current loans.

The minutes for the regular meeting on November 19, 2009, were reviewed with mention of two typos that will be corrected. **Motion was made by Moe Johnson to approve the minutes of November 19, 2009, seconded by Bill McNair and passed by consensus.** There was discussion regarding the two percent "bonus" given to all employees. It was based on their annual wage which amounts to a two percent raise. Manager Roberts explained that it was budgeted, and during the budget it had been discussed that if the Port was in good financial condition at the end of the year, the bonuses would be given.

A short intermission ensued with the board coming back into session at 8:40 p.m.

Under Old Business, it was again suggested by Commissioner Riddle that the Port should be split into areas of interest with one area being given to each commissioner to consider tasks as follows:

1. Operational ...what would be accomplished in the next 6 to 12 months.
2. A capital equipment plan
3. Long-range plan, a vision of where the Port would be after five years.
4. Huntley Park future.

It was considered that a workshop should be held to discuss this and after some discussion, the date of Tuesday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m. was agreed upon.

Manager Report: Roberts said that 17 items on the core task list were now completed, with no new ones added and four or five items to be done.

Roberts has been contacted by a veteran's group from Port Orford who wish to place a memorial for veterans on port property and are looking at the most suitable location.

Roberts announced the SDAO Convention will be held in Seaside, Oregon on February 4, 5, and 6, 2010. He will be attending. He mentioned that the insurance agent had said that having a presence at those meetings is reflected favorably by the insurance company.

Commissioner's Comments: Johnson mentioned that he would like to see any purchasing by the Port be done at local businesses anytime that the difference in

pricing is not prohibitive. No other comments were made.

Commissioner Johnson motioned that the meeting b adjourned, seconded by Commissioner McNair, passed by consensus, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Milt Walker, Board President

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Charles Riddle, Board Secretary